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NEVADA STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS**

Small Business Impact Statement

Proposed Regulation: Omitting Lead Apron Requirement

The Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners (NSBDE) emailed the proposed regulations and a Business Impact Statement Survey to all active licensed dental professionals to determine the impact of the proposed regulations to a small business in Nevada.

A small business is defined in Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 233B as a "business conducted for profit which employs fewer than 150 full-time or part-time employees."

This small business impact statement is made pursuant to NRS 233B.0608(3) and complies with the requirements of NRS 233B.0609. As required by NRS 233B.0608(3), this statement identifies the methods used by the agency in determining the impact of the proposed regulation on a small business as stated below.

Brief Background

The proposed regulation modification in NAC 631.260 would remove lead apron requirements to follow the American Dental Association (ADA) recommendations; the ADA has recently removed lead apron requirements due to safety enhancements in radiographic technology and updated scientific guidance regarding lower than thought risk of radiation exposure. See <https://www.ada.org/about/press-releases/ada-releases-updated-recommendations-to-enhance-radiography-safety-in-dentistry>.

Statement of Methods Used

As part of NSBDE's due diligence, a small business impact survey was emailed directly to all active licensed dental professionals in Nevada. With the response from the survey, it was deemed by the NSBDE that this new regulation would not adversely affect small businesses as defined by NRS 233B. In fact, there is likely a benefit to small business since eliminating the lead apron equipment requirement would save on equipment expenses.

Certification by person responsible for the Board

I, A.L. Higginbotham, Executive Director of the Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners, certify to the best of my knowledge or belief that a concerted effort was made to determine the impact of the proposed regulation on small businesses and the information contained in this statement was prepared properly and accurately.

Signature: A.L. Higginbotham

Date: 2.20.2026